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From: Latimer, Becky
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2020 4:29 PM
To: jg
Subject: 2019-281-S

Dear Jennifer Griggs,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

- Docket No. 2019-281-S - Application of Palmetto Utilities, Incorporated for Adjustment (Increase) of Rates and Charges, Terms and Conditions, for Sewer Service Provided to Customers in Its Richland and Kershaw County Service Areas

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According to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filing a Protest does not make you a Party of Record. A Protestant desiring to become an Intervenor (i.e., a Party of Record) in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

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If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
Becky Latimer



* Required Fields

Date: * 01/09/2020

Letter of Protest
Docket No. 2019-281-S

Protestant Information:

Name * Jennifer Griggs
Mailing Address * 210 Elmwood Blvd
City, State Zip * Elgin SC Phone * _____
E-mail _____

1. What is your connection or interest in this case? * For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I am a customer of Palmetto Utilities.

2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. * (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

According to the SC 2019 MUNICIPAL WATER & SEWER RATE SURVEY SUMMARY, this increase would make our county the 6 highest rated sewer rates which far exceeds the average ratio of water to sewer cost.

Palmetto Utilities just raised their rates almost 60% about 18 months ago from 33.50 to 52.10. Prior to that they had a small increase from 29.50 to 33.50 for 1-2 occupants but that increase came after years of a steady rate. If this increase is approved, this would be an increase of more than 100% in just two years and that is gouging the customer. The petition to significantly increase this much suggest so soon suggests fiscal instability and questionable management of the utility group.

3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding , if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? *

If requested to do so, I would be willing, but I am not requesting to do so.

Signature Required: Jennifer Griggs

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Jennifer Griggs
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South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority
OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
2019 MUNICIPAL WATER & SEWER RATE SURVEY SUMMARY
Inside Residential Customer

| | | Monthly Water Service Charge 668 CF (5,000 gal) | Monthly Sewer Service Charge 668 CF (5,000 gal) |
|----|------------------------------|--|--|
| | Municipality | | |
| 1 | Abbeville, City of | 29.80 | 35.93 |
| 2 | Aiken, City of | 15.27 | 30.15 |
| 3 | Allendale, Town of | 24.46 | 30.70 |
| 4 | Anderson, City of | 24.22 | 37.95 |
| 5 | Andrews, Town of | 31.20 | 37.87 |
| 6 | Arcadia Lakes, Town of | 42.09 | 27.00 |
| 7 | Aynor, Town of | 18.40 | 38.05 |
| 8 | Bamberg, City of | 34.55 | 49.32 |
| 9 | Barnwell, City of | 19.75 | 26.50 |
| 10 | Batesburg-Leesville, City of | 31.28 | 38.78 |
| 11 | Beaufort, City of | 26.50 | 44.85 |
| 12 | Belton, City of | 21.15 | 35.15 |
| 13 | Bennettsville, City of | 16.75 | 23.90 |
| 14 | Bethune, Town of | 34.83 | |
| 15 | Bishopville, City of | 14.94 | 16.18 |
| 16 | Blacksburg, Town of | 34.00 | 28.80 |
| 17 | Blackville, Town of | 25.65 | 30.25 |
| 18 | Bluffton, Town of | 26.50 | 44.85 |
| 19 | Bowman, Town of | 22.00 | 19.50 |
| 20 | Branchville, Town of | 25.48 | 28.00 |
| 21 | Brunson, Town of | 31.00 | 46.50 |
| 22 | Calhoun Falls, Town of | 32.88 | 35.25 |
| 23 | Camden, City of | 30.45 | 33.22 |
| 24 | Campobello, Town of | 27.00 | |
| 25 | Carlisle, Town of | 47.70 | 46.70 |
| 26 | Cayce, City of | 24.71 | 19.02 |
| 27 | Central Pacolet, Town of | 44.85 | 39.45 |
| 28 | Central, Town of | 26.35 | 51.82 |
| 29 | Chapin, Town of | 54.33 | 24.50 |
| 30 | Charleston, City of | 21.42 | 67.15 |
| 31 | Cheraw, Town of | 14.55 | 16.24 |
| 32 | Chesnee, City of | 39.88 | 35.31 |
| 33 | Chester, City of | 53.80 | 69.29 |
| 34 | Chesterfield, Town of | 40.59 | 56.05 |
| 35 | Clemson, City of | 27.97 | 39.13 |
| 36 | Clinton, City of | 36.25 | 55.85 |
| 37 | Clio, Town of | 32.35 | 39.91 |
| 38 | Clover, Town of | 38.44 | 43.25 |
| 39 | Columbia, City of | 18.84 | 36.33 |
| 40 | Conway, City of | 19.97 | 21.66 |
| 41 | Cordova, Town of | 28.05 | |
| 42 | Coward, Town of | 13.90 | 43.35 |
| 43 | Cowpens, Town of | 44.85 | 39.45 |
| 44 | Darlington, City of | 23.75 | 24.85 |
| 45 | Denmark, City of | 22.89 | 28.28 |
| 46 | Dillon, City of | 14.79 | 30.77 |
| 47 | Donalds, Town of | 41.38 | |
| 48 | Due West, Town of | 41.38 | 25.50 |
| 49 | Duncan, Town of | 19.53 | 40.26 |
| 50 | Easley, City of | 27.58 | 35.72 |
| 51 | Eastover, Town of | 35.54 | 36.78 |
| 52 | Edgefield, Town of | 30.73 | 29.62 |
| 53 | Edisto Beach, Town of | 38.53 | 48.61 |
| 54 | Ehrhardt, Town of | 28.04 | 28.35 |
| 55 | Elgin, Town of | 40.92 | 35.00 |
| 56 | Elloree, Town of | 31.68 | 40.62 |
| 57 | Estill, Town of | 28.67 | 38.66 |
| 58 | Eutawville, Town of | 31.44 | |
| 59 | Fairfax, Town of | 20.93 | 25.90 |
| 60 | Florence, City of | 24.80 | 42.95 |

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| | Municipality | | |
| 61 | Folly Beach, City of | 42.43 | 56.51 |
| 62 | Forest Acres, Town of | 42.09 | 27.00 |
| 63 | Fort Lawn, Town of | 53.80 | 46.00 |
| 64 | Fort Mill, Town of | 31.45 | 44.20 |
| 65 | Fountain Inn, Town | 17.88 | 61.70 |
| 66 | Gaffney City | 20.12 | 26.70 |
| 67 | Georgetown, City of | 26.26 | 36.22 |
| 68 | Gifford, Town of | 31.00 | 46.50 |
| 69 | Gilbert, Town of | 42.75 | |
| 70 | Goose Creek, City of | 19.95 | 44.00 |
| 71 | Gray Court, Town of | 41.27 | |
| 72 | Great Falls, Town of | 53.80 | 30.00 |
| 73 | Greeleyville, Town of | 42.19 | 45.39 |
| 74 | Greenville, City of | 11.87 | 54.80 |
| 75 | Greenwood, City of | 18.81 | 48.81 |
| 76 | Greer, City of | 17.20 | 37.16 |
| 77 | Hampton, Town of | 31.00 | 46.50 |
| 78 | Hanahan, City of | 36.65 | 44.00 |
| 79 | Hardeeville, City of | 26.50 | 44.85 |
| 80 | Harleyville, Town of | 32.00 | 47.00 |
| 81 | Hartsville, City of | 29.25 | 36.14 |
| 82 | Heath Springs, Town of | 33.00 | 32.00 |
| 83 | Hemingway, Town of | 27.80 | 27.75 |
| 84 | Hickory Grove, Town of | 24.75 | |
| 85 | Hilda, Town of | 17.00 | |
| 86 | Hilton Head, Town of | 17.08 | 28.37 |
| 87 | Hodges, Town of | 33.84 | |
| 88 | Holly Hill, Town of | 23.40 | 28.00 |
| 89 | Hollywood, Town of | 36.65 | 48.82 |
| 90 | Honea Path, Town of | 33.00 | 49.98 |
| 91 | Inman, City of | 27.00 | 35.65 |
| 92 | Irmo, City of | 42.09 | 61.80 |
| 93 | Isle of Palms, City of | 34.00 | 65.50 |
| 94 | Iva, Town of | 29.50 | 42.60 |
| 95 | Jackson, Town of | 27.25 | |
| 96 | Jamestown, Town of | 18.00 | |
| 97 | Jefferson, Town of | 37.65 | 37.65 |
| 98 | Johnsonville, City of | 31.50 | 28.55 |
| 99 | Johnston, Town of | 30.73 | 29.62 |
| 100 | Jonesville, Town of | 32.52 | 32.52 |
| 101 | Kershaw, Town of | 28.77 | 26.70 |
| 102 | Kingstree, Town of | 31.81 | 37.35 |
| 103 | Lake City, City of | 15.30 | 39.29 |
| 104 | Lake View, Town of | 22.07 | 26.17 |
| 105 | Lamar, Town of | 36.00 | 35.00 |
| 106 | Lancaster, City of | 39.75 | 48.69 |
| 107 | Landrum, City of | 44.85 | 39.45 |
| 108 | Lane, Town of | 26.50 | 27.40 |
| 109 | Latta, Town of | 28.82 | 20.92 |
| 110 | Laurens, City of | 43.75 | 38.55 |
| 111 | Lexington, Town of | 29.41 | 35.94 |
| 112 | Liberty, City of | 28.49 | 47.72 |
| 113 | Lincolnton, Town of | 22.68 | 45.53 |
| 114 | Little Mountain, Town of | 49.50 | |
| 115 | Lodge, Town of | 15.00 | |
| 116 | Loris, City of | 38.55 | 44.15 |
| 117 | Lyman, Town of | 19.53 | 26.84 |
| 118 | Lynchburg, Town of | 30.50 | 29.40 |
| 119 | Manning, City of | 25.68 | 35.03 |
| 120 | Marion, City of | 18.53 | 26.05 |

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| Municipality | | | | Municipality | | | |
| 121 | Mauldin, City of | 17.88 | 51.49 | 169 | Scranton, Town of | 21.67 | 38.35 |
| 121 | Mayesville, Town of | 31.60 | 55.50 | 170 | Seabrook Island, Town of | 40.05 | 36.52 |
| 122 | McBee, Town of | 24.98 | | 171 | Sellers, Town of | | 27.24 |
| 123 | McColl, Town of | 26.40 | 21.57 | 172 | Seneca, City of | 19.45 | 35.83 |
| 124 | McCormick, Town of | 32.90 | 26.91 | 173 | Sharon, Town of | 36.00 | |
| 125 | Moncks Corner, Town of | 23.00 | 23.00 | 174 | Silverstreet, Town of | 49.50 | |
| 126 | Monetta, Town of | 27.89 | | 175 | Simpsonville, City of | 17.88 | 56.72 |
| 127 | Mt. Pleasant, Town of | 34.23 | 49.81 | 176 | Six Mile, Town of | 40.85 | |
| 128 | Mullins, City of | 18.40 | 21.80 | 177 | Society Hill, Town of | 28.70 | |
| 129 | Myrtle Beach, City of | 12.47 | 23.09 | 178 | South Congaree, Town of | 49.42 | 38.03 |
| 130 | New Ellenton, City of | 28.50 | 30.00 | 179 | Spartanburg, City of | 26.70 | 39.45 |
| 131 | Newberry, City of | 29.52 | 51.56 | 180 | Springdale, Town of | 44.60 | 38.03 |
| 132 | Nichols, Town of | 18.40 | 21.80 | 181 | Springfield, Town of | 26.40 | 24.40 |
| 133 | Ninety Six, Town of | 31.08 | 31.14 | 182 | St. George, Town of | 29.13 | 40.00 |
| 134 | Norris, Town of | 32.00 | | 183 | St. Matthews, Town of | 24.00 | 36.75 |
| 135 | North Augusta, City of | 14.88 | 26.47 | 184 | St. Stephen, Town of | 32.55 | 44.00 |
| 136 | North Charleston, City of | 36.65 | 42.40 | 185 | Stuckey, Town of | 37.60 | |
| 137 | North Myrtle Beach, City of | 20.36 | 20.65 | 186 | Sullivan's Island, Town of | 38.22 | 77.73 |
| 138 | Norway, Town of | 32.95 | 33.55 | 187 | Summerton, Town of | 22.85 | 29.89 |
| 139 | Olar, Town of | 28.40 | 58.33 | 188 | Summerville, Town of | 20.45 | 24.00 |
| 140 | Olar, Town of | 34.75 | | 189 | Sumter, City of | 15.80 | 27.75 |
| 141 | Orangeburg, City of | 14.03 | 24.12 | 190 | Surfside Beach, Town of | 18.40 | 21.80 |
| 142 | Pacolet, Town of | 44.85 | 39.45 | 191 | Swansea, Town of | 36.30 | 30.02 |
| 143 | Pageland, Town of | 32.00 | 35.00 | 192 | Tega Cay, City of | 37.58 | 44.63 |
| 144 | Pamplico, Town of | 32.28 | 40.11 | 193 | Timmonsville, Town of | 32.83 | 42.71 |
| 145 | Patrick, Town of | 54.75 | | 194 | Travelers Rest, City of | 17.88 | 51.30 |
| 146 | Pawleys Island, Town of | 18.54 | 26.69 | 195 | Trenton, Town of | 30.73 | 29.62 |
| 147 | Pelion, Town of | 44.09 | | 196 | Turbeville, Town of | 35.00 | 31.00 |
| 148 | Pelzer, Town of | 44.75 | 83.65 | 197 | Ulmer, Town of | 20.00 | |
| 149 | Pendleton, Town of | 35.85 | 37.75 | 198 | Union, City of | 27.56 | 38.65 |
| 150 | Perry, Town of | 28.00 | | 199 | Varnville, Town of | 31.00 | 46.50 |
| 151 | Pickens, City of | 34.50 | 32.70 | 200 | Wagener, Town of | 32.00 | 30.50 |
| 152 | Pinewood, Town of | 22.00 | 26.50 | 201 | Walhalla, City | 26.43 | 23.00 |
| 153 | Pomaria, Town of | 49.50 | | 202 | Walterboro, City of | 15.60 | 21.55 |
| 154 | Port Royal, Town of | 26.50 | 44.85 | 203 | Ware Shoals, Town of | 41.08 | 12.70 |
| 155 | Prosperity, Town of | 37.63 | 61.42 | 204 | Wellford, City of | 19.53 | 46.13 |
| 156 | Quinby, Town of | 37.63 | | 205 | West Columbia, City of | 15.85 | 15.75 |
| 157 | Ravenel, Town of | 36.65 | | 206 | West Pelzer, Town of | 33.60 | 69.25 |
| 158 | Reevesville, Town of | 31.30 | | 207 | West Union, Town | 37.80 | 40.00 |
| 159 | Richburg, Town of | 53.80 | 69.29 | 208 | Westminster, City of | 26.94 | 47.85 |
| 160 | Ridge Spring, Town of | 30.24 | 40.11 | 209 | Whitmire, Town of | 39.00 | 39.00 |
| 161 | Ridgeland, Town of | 20.70 | 35.55 | 210 | Williams, Town of | 25.00 | |
| 162 | Ridgeville, Town of | 30.03 | 40.00 | 211 | Williamston, Town of | 33.18 | 44.69 |
| 163 | Ridgeway, Town of | 40.20 | 34.98 | 212 | Williston, Town of | 25.42 | 31.02 |
| 164 | Rock Hill, City of | 19.55 | 39.53 | 213 | Winnsboro, Town of | 25.70 | 43.33 |
| 165 | Salem, Town of | 49.20 | | 214 | Woodruff, City of | 44.95 | 43.75 |
| 166 | Salley, Town of | 28.00 | | 215 | Yemassee, Town of | 31.00 | 46.50 |
| 167 | Saluda, Town of | 31.40 | 39.25 | 216 | York, City of | 34.01 | 34.01 |
| 168 | Santee, Town of | 19.42 | 41.06 | | | | |

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SOUTH CAROLINA RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY
OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
2019 SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS & COUNTIES RATE SURVEY SUMMARY
RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

| | Provider | Monthly Water Service Charge 668 CF (5,000 gal) | Monthly Sewer Service Charge 668 CF (5,000 gal) |
|----|--|--|--|
| 1 | Anderson County | | 49.75 |
| 2 | Beaufort-Jasper W&S Authority (Surface Water) | 26.50 | 44.85 |
| 3 | Beech Island Rural Water and Sewer District | 26.00 | 43.50 |
| 4 | Belton-Honea Path Water Authority | 32.04 | |
| 5 | Berea Public Service District # | | 53.20 |
| 6 | Berkeley County Water & Sanitation Authority | 32.55 | 44.00 |
| 7 | Big Creek Water District | 38.63 | |
| 8 | Broad Creek Public Service District | 11.00 | 35.00 |
| 9 | Broadway Water & Sewer District | 44.43 | 51.25 |
| 10 | Calhoun County | 34.75 | 67.10 |
| 11 | Cassatt Water (a/k/a Kershaw Co & Lee Co Reg Wtr Auth) | 43.86 | |
| 12 | Chester Metropolitan District | 53.80 | |
| 15 | Chester County Wastewater Recovery | | 69.29 |
| 16 | Clarendon County | 38.25 | 35.00 |
| 17 | Clearwater Water and Sewer District | 24.99 | 14.65 |
| 18 | College Acres Public Works District | 26.05 | |
| 19 | Dalzell Water District of Sumter County | 24.50 | |
| 20 | Daniel Morgan Rural Water District | 37.39 | |
| 21 | Darlington Co. W&S Authority | 28.70 | 43.54 |
| 22 | Donalds-Due West W&S Authority | 41.38 | 43.38 |
| 23 | Dorchester County Water and Sewer Dept. | 31.30 | 40.00 |
| 24 | Dorchester County Water Authority | 31.00 | |
| 25 | Easley-Central Water District | 32.00 | |
| 26 | East Richland County Public Service District | | 27.00 |
| 27 | Edgefield Co. W&S Authority | 30.73 | 29.62 |
| 28 | Fripp Island Public Service District | 33.35 | 33.67 |
| 29 | Gaston Rural Community Water District | 20.45 | |
| 30 | Georgetown Co. W&S District | 18.54 | 26.69 |
| 31 | Gilbert-Summit Rural Water District | 42.75 | |
| 32 | Grand Strand W & S Authority | 18.40 | 21.80 |
| 33 | Greenwood Metropolitan District | | 48.81 |
| 34 | Hammond Water District | 26.99 | |
| 35 | Hilton Head No. 1 PSD | 23.85 | 28.50 |
| 36 | Homeland Park Water & Sewer District | 29.35 | 31.55 |
| 37 | Inman-Campobello Water District | 27.00 | |
| 38 | James Island Public Service District | | 52.61 |
| 39 | Joint Municipal W&S Commission (Lexington Co) | 44.09 | 45.97 |
| 40 | Kershaw County | | 35.00 |
| 41 | Lancaster County Water and Sewer District | 43.00 | 35.93 |
| 42 | Langley Water and Sewer District | 27.91 | 21.13 |
| 43 | Laurens County W&S Commission | 44.50 | 52.15 |
| 44 | Liberty Chesnee Fingerville Water District | 39.88 | |
| 45 | Lowcountry Regional Water System | 31.00 | 46.50 |
| 46 | Lugoff-Elgin Water Authority | 40.92 | |
| 47 | Marietta Water, Fire, Sanitation and Sewer District | 29.46 | 43.40 |
| 48 | McCormick County Water and Sewer System | 37.50 | 57.50 |
| 49 | MetroConnects | | 60.00 |
| 50 | Mitford Rural Water District | 68.40 | |

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| Provider | | Monthly Water Service Charge 668 CF (5,000 gal) | Monthly Sewer Service Charge 668 CF (5,000 gal) |
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| 51 | Newberry County W&S Authority | 49.50 | 57.00 |
| 52 | North Charleston Sewer District | | 45.54 |
| 53 | Pickens County Public Service Commission | | 35.10 |
| 54 | Pioneer Rural Water District | 43.80 | |
| 55 | Powdersville Water District | 37.81 | |
| 56 | ReWa (Treatment only) | | 41.30 |
| 57 | Rural Community Water District of Georgetown County | 25.10 | |
| 58 | Saluda County W & S Authority | 32.20 | 37.90 |
| 59 | Sandy Springs Water District | 37.48 | |
| 60 | Silver Springs Water District | 33.00 | |
| 61 | Six Mile Rural Community Water District | 40.85 | |
| 62 | South Island Public Service District | 16.40 | 21.60 |
| 63 | Southside Rural Community Water District | 32.00 | |
| 64 | Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer System | | 39.45 |
| 65 | Starr-Iva Water & Sewer District | 42.05 | 46.25 |
| 66 | Startex-Jackson-Wellford-Duncan Water District | 19.53 | |
| 67 | Sumter County | 38.00 | |
| 68 | Talatha Rural Community Water District (Aiken Co.) | 51.25 | |
| 69 | Valley Public Service Authority | 26.50 | 19.60 |
| 70 | West Anderson Water District | 33.43 | |
| 71 | Woodruff Roebuck Water District | 44.95 | |
| 72 | York County | 35.28 | 41.23 |

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